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3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box No III)

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
INV. A61F13/472

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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